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SUBJ: SECRETARY SIMON'S SCHEDULE IN INDIA

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1. SCHEDULE, TIMES AND SCENARIO FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT BOMBAY REMAIN BASICALLY AS INDICATED REFTEL B. RECAPITULATION BOMBAY PROGRAM FOLLOWS REFLECTING MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND SUCH QUESTIONS AS REMAIN.

2. FRIDAY, APRIL 18. 1440 HOURS, SECRETARY SIMON, AMBASSADOR SAXBE, THEIR WIVES, AND MEMBERS SECRETARY'S PARTY ARRIVE SANTA CRUZ AIRPORT BOMBAY. THEY WILL BE MET AT PLANESIDE BY CG AND MRS BANE, MEMBERS CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF, PRESIDENT INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (IACC) HARISH MAHINDRA, IACC SECRETARY GENERAL RAMU PANDIT, AND R.D. PANDYA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL, IACC. WE WOULD EXPECT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA TO BE REPRESENTED AT PLANESIDE AS WELL.

3. AT 1450 HOURS SECRETARY AND MRS SIMON, AMBASSADOR AND MRS SAXBE, ACCOMPANIED BY CG AND MRS BANE, AS WELL MEMBERS SECRETARY'S PARTY, WILL LEAVE IN SEDANS AND BUS PARKED ALONGSIDE TAXIWAY FOR HOTEL TAJ MAHAL INTERCONTINENTAL.

4. AT 1530 HOURS, SECRETARY AND PARTY ARRIVE HOTEL. SECRETARY AND

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MOST MEMBERS HIS PARTY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN OLD TAJ WING OF

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL AND BALANCE IN NEW INTERCONTINENTAL WING. SECRETARY AND MRS SIMON WILL LIKELY BE IN EITHER PRESIDENTIAL OR RAJPUT SUITE AND OTHER ROOM DESIGNATIONS WILL BE MADE FOLLOWING RECEIPT LISTING OF MEMBERS OF PARTY IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE SPECIFIC ROOM ASSIGNMENTS PRIOR DEPARTURE SECRETARY FROM DELHI ON 18TH, AND IN TIME LABEL LUGGAGE ACCORDINGLY. PARTY WILL BE PRE-REGISTERED. WE PRESENTLY HOLDING RESERVATIONS AT TAJ (PER STATE 62420) FOR ONE SUITE, 33 DOUBLES (INCLUDING THREE FOR VISITORS AND ADMINISTRATION CONTROL ROOMS) FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY, PLUS SIX DOUBLES AND THREE SINGLES FOR SECRET SERVICE. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SOONEST ANY MODIFICATION THIK REQUIREMENT SINCE BOOKINGS PARTICULARLY OLD TAJ IN CONSTANT DEMAND. ASSUME STATE 75044 CONTAINS ONLY PARTIAL LISTING. WE ALSO HOLDING DOUBLE FOR NIGHT OF 18TH FOR EMBASSY TREASURY ATTACHE GAASERUD. AMBASSADOR AND MRS SAXBE WILL BE STAYING LINCOLN HOUSE (CONSULATE GENERAL) WITH CG AND MRS BANE. MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT CREW WILL BE ACCCOMMODATED AT SUN 'N SAND HOTEL NEAR AIRPORT AT JUHU BEACH.

5. FROM 1530 TO 1930 HOURS, SECRETARY AND PARTY FREE. BUS, HOWEVER, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 1600 HOURS TO TAKE THOSE MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO CARE TO DO SO TO SILVER MARKET. SEDANS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO OTHER SHOPPING POINTS OR SIGHT-SEEING. CONSULATE GENERAL PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST AND SHOPPING GUIDES FOR BOMBAY PREPARED BY AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSN WILL BE INCLUDED IN INFORMATION FOLDERS PLACED IN EACH ROOM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SHOPS IN TAJ MAHAL HOTEL AND THE BOMBAY COTTAGE INDUSTRIES OUTLET, THE PRINCIPAL ANTIQUE SHOPS, ART GALLERIES AND MANY TEXTILE SHOPS ARE WITHIN ONE TO THREE BLOCKS OF THE HOTEL.

6. AT 1930 HOURS SECRETARY AND MEMBERS HIS PARTY ATTEND COCKTAIL-DINNER FUNCTION HOSTED BY INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT TAJ MAHAL HOTEL (EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN CRYSTAL ROOM) AT WHICH SECRETARY SIMON WILL BE CHIEF GUEST. DINNER WILL BE HIGH-LIGHT OF SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER AND INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF CHAMBER HAVE JUST BEEN DESPATCHED. COCKTAILS WILL BE FROM 1930 TO 2030 HOURS. TENTATIVELY, IACC PRESIDENT MAHINDRA PROPOSES THAT AT 2030 HOURS HE GIVE 15-MINUTE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SUCH AS OCCURS AT ANNUAL GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING, HF PRESENTS IACC EXPORT AWARDS (ANNUAL FEATURE), AND WELCOMES AND INTRODUCES SECRETARY. SECRETARY WOULD THEN GIVE ADDRESS FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL VOTE OF THANKS AND THEN DINNER. I HAVE SUGGESTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL IACC IN MAHINDRA'S ABSENCE THAT I THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE DINNER SERVED AT 2030 HOURS FOLLOWED BY IACC PRESIDENT'S TALK AND SECRETARY'S SPEECH. MEMBERS OF PRESS INVITED TO DINNER MAY WISH ASK SECRETARY QUESTIONS FOLLOWING CONCLUSION PROCEEDINGS. HAVE BEEN ASSURED EITHER

SCENARIO AGREEABLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST SECRETARY'S DESIRES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE WHEN KNOWN APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS AND SUBJECT. IF SECRETARY AGREEABLE OUR MAKING TEXT AVAILABLE TO AT LEAST MEMBERS PRESS PRESENT AT DINNER AND JUST PRIOR COMMENCEMENT SPEECH, THIS CAN HELP ENSURE ACCURACY SUBSEQUENT REPORTING. IF BOMBAY TO REPRODUCE SPEECH FOR POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION AT OR AFTER DINNER 18TH, WE WOULD HOPE BE ABLE OBTAIN TEXT FROM DELHI BY 17TH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF SPEECH ANWHTHAT USIS WILL RECORD AS WELL PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE. IT IS CURRENTLY HOPED THAT J.R.D. TATA, CHAIRMAN OF TATA'S AND AIR-INDIJA AND INDIA'S LEADING BUSINESS PERSONALITY, WILL PRESIDE OVER DINNER FUNCTION AND MAHINDRA EXPLORING. NEITHER THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA, UNION FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAN, UNION MINISTER OF INDUSTRY 0-8, NOR GOVERNOR RESERVE BANK JAGANNATHAN ARE IN A POSITION TO ATTEND FUNCTION. WE TOLD LATTER WILL BE OUT OF INDIA BETWEEN APRIL 11 AND 21, SO HE WILL NEITHER BE AT DINNER NOR WILL IT BE POSSIBLE ARRANGE MEETING BOMBAY. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, J. R.D. TATA IDEAL CHOICE FOR THIS FUNCTION AND OCCASION.

7. SATURDAY, APRIL 19. MORNING FREE. AT 0930 HOURS CG WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR TO SEE SELECTION OLD GUNS. MRS BANE WILL ACCOMPANY MRS SIMON AND MRS SAXBE SHOPPING. SEDANS AND BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HOTEL FOR MEMBERS PARTY BETWEEN 0930 AND 1130 HOURS (MOST SHOPS DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 1000 HOURS) FOR VISITS ANTIQUE SHOPS, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES, CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES, HANDLOOM HOUSE, PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM, ETC. MEMBERS CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST. AS INDICATED PARA 5 REFTEL B, VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED TO ELEPHANTA ISLAND ALTHOUGH MEMBERS OF PARTY DESIRING TO DO SO WOULD NEED LEAVE GATEWAY OF INDIA AT 0800 HOURS IN ORDER RETURN BY 1100 HOURS. APPRECIATE KNOWING IF ANY MEMBERS OF PARTY DESIRE MAKE SUCH A VISIT.

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8. AT 1130 HOURS ALL LUGGAGE OF MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL BE SENT TO LOBBY OF TAJ MAHAL INTERCONTINENTAL FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT TO AIRPORT. GENERAL MANAGER HOTEL PREFERS BAGS NOT BE PLACED OUTSIDE ROOMS BUT BE SENT TO LOBBY.

9. AT 1200 HOURS, SECRETARY AND MRS SIMON, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS SAXBE AND CG AND MRS BANE, AS WELL MENEERS SECRETARY'S PARTY DEPART TAJ FOR AIRPORT.

10. AT 1300 HOURS, SECRETARY AND PARTY DEPART FOR MADRAS.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE, SECURITY AND AIRCRAFT ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS. WE ARRANGING FOR BOTH VISITOR'S AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ROOMS

AND WILL COVER LATTER WITH CONGEN/USIS AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS.
WE WILL HAVE ONE OF OUR COMMUNICATORS MEET PLANE ON ARRIVAL WITH
STATION WAGON TO COLLECT ANY CLASSIFIED MATERIALS FOR
KEEPING CONGEN AND/OR BARLOCK CABINETS ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL
ROOM. AS INDICATED PARA MXMZ 2AK.# POST UNABLE PROVIDE BEV-
ERAGES, TOBACCO AND OTHER SUNDRY ITEMS SINCE POST DOES NOT
HAVE COMMISSARY FACILITY.
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